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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
THOMAS DANIEL, ET AL. : EXAMINER: METZMAIER  
SERIAL NO: 09/831,915 :  
FILED: MAY 25, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1712  
FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF :  
ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS :

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 6 of this paper.

The **Interview Summary** begins on page 7 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.